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SUBJECT:TWO NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI

REF: TEL AVIV 1808, CAIRO 4466

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AS POSSIBLE REPORT IN TEL AVIV REFTEL TO (A) REQUEST PAR-  
TICULARS ABOUT THIS PLAN AND (B) EXPRESS GRAVE U.S. CONCERN  
THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN STEP AT THIS JUNCTURE OF  
ANNOUNCING SUCH PLAN AND PUBLICIZING ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH  
ISSUANCE OF PRESS BULLETIN. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE  
REAFFIRMED OUR POSITION THAT SUCH SETTLEMENTS ARE ILLEGAL  
DURING RABIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON, ONLY THREE OR FOUR DAYS  
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TIONS, AND YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE WOULD EXPECT ISRAEL TO  
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